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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 June 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 6/22/07 has been entered. Claims 1-20 are pending in the application.

2. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ide et al (US 5,598,187 hereinafter Ide) in view of Lapidot (WO 01/86920).

As to claims 1, 20, Ide discloses a motion controlled handheld device (Figs. 1, 2, 15) comprising:

a gesture database (42 in Fig. 15, col. 14, lines 33-34) maintaining a plurality of gestures, each gesture defined by a motion of the device with respect to a first position of the device;

a gesture mapping database comprising a mapping of each of the gestures to an associated command (42 in Fig. 15, col. 14, lines 35-42);

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a motion detection module (motion detectors 30a, 30b) operable to detect motion of the device within three dimensions and to identify components of the motion in relation to the viewable surface;

a display control module having a first mode of motion input operation (pointer function mode in Figs. 1, 2) and a second mode of motion input operation (motion pattern input function mode in Fig. 15);

the display control module operable in the first mode of motion input operation (pointer function mode as disclosed in Figs. 1-3, col. 7, lines 11-29 for example), lines to monitor the motion of the device, to determine a location of the device resulting from the motion, and to modify the current image based on the resulting location of the device as compared to an initial location of the device prior to the motion of the device;

the display control module operable in the second mode of motion input operation (motion pattern input function mode as disclosed in Fig. 15, col. 13, line 40 to col. 14, lines 42 for example) to monitor the motion of the device, to track movement of the handheld device using the motion detection module, the tracked movement identifying a path traveled by the device, to compare the path the gestures to identify a matching gesture, to identify one of the commands associated with the matching gesture, and to modify the current image based on the identified command; and

a mode selection module operable to detect a mode selection trigger and to switch between the first mode of motion input operation and the second mode of motion input operation in response to detecting the mode selection trigger (col.15, lines 39-44, col. 22, lines 20-41).

Ide does not disclose the handheld device comprising a display. However, Lapidot is cited to teach a handheld device similar to Ide. Lapidot teaches a small handheld device with display screen for controlling the information presented in its display (see Fig. 1 and page 1, lines 16-19). Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the motion controlled handheld device of Ide to have a display as taught by Lapidot so as to provide a small handheld device for conveniently controlling the function of the handheld device and the presentation of information in the display of the device (page1, lines 16-19).

As to claims 2-3, Ide teaches the mode selection trigger comprises a change in a state of the device and the change in the state of the device occurs when the device switches from a first application (Fig. 1) to a second application (Fig. 16).

As to claim 4, Ide teaches the change in the state of the device occurs when the current image switches from a first image (cursor movement in Fig. 1) to a second image (volume control in Fig.16).

As to claim 5, Ide teaches the mode selection modules switches from the first mode to the second mode in response to detecting a first mode selection trigger, and the mode selection modules switches from the second mode to the first mode in response to detecting a second mode selection trigger different than the first mode selection trigger (col. 22, lines 20-41).

As to claim 6, Ide teaches the mode selection trigger comprises one of the gestures (col. 22, lines 31-32).

As to claim 7, Ide teaches the mode selection trigger comprises non-motion related input received using a user interface of the device (col. 22, lines 30-31, 35-41).

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As to claim 8, Figs. 1, 5 of Lapidot teaches a motion controlled device having a mode operation (N) is for neutral condition, the use of movements to control functions of the device or its display unit is disabled (this corresponds to the display control module operable in the third mode of operation to disregard the motion of the device).

As to claim 9, Fig. 6 of Lapidot teaches the handheld device comprising three accelerometers operable to detect acceleration along a first, a second and a third axis.

Claims 10-19 which method claims corresponding to the above apparatus claims, are rejected for the same reasons as stated above since such method "steps" are clearly read on by the corresponding "means".

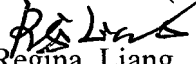
Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-20 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Regina Liang whose telephone number is (571) 272-7693. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8AM to 5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richard Hjerpe, can be reached on (571) 272-7691. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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